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CHARLESTON, IL.--Sandy Rives was honored in late April by the Covered Bridge Girl Scout Council of Terre Haute, IN for her "accomplishments and contributions" to community affairs.

John Kinney, president of the Council, said the award was in observation of the Council's 25th anniversary and the Girl Scouts "continuing commitment to leadership in our communities and nation."

Mrs. Rives, wife of Eastern Illinois University President Stanley Rives, was presented the award at an April 29 luncheon at St. Mary of the Woods College, Terre Haute.

Under her direction as general chair, the Women's Expo and Health Fair, which started at EIU two years ago with 700 participants, grew to over 1200 this past March. It is one of Illinois's largest events for women.

"Recognition by girl scouting and the Covered Bridge Council is indeed a signal honor," said Mrs. Rives. "I accept the award with deep appreciation."

She is a past president of the Coles County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and is co-author of an elder abuse handbook. She has been active with the Regional Planning Commission and the Mattoon Association of Commerce, where she put together a study of child care needs for working women in Mattoon.

While living in Normal, IL., Rives was active in political affairs serving as campaign manager and later as administrative assistant for Normal's first woman mayor.

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In 1986 Rives was selected as Woman of Achievement by the Women's Study Council at Eastern and in 1987 she was chosen as Woman of the Year by the Charleston Zonta Club.

Originally from Missouri, she was educated in the Granite City, IL. public schools and graduated summa cum laude from Northwestern.

Rives also authors weekly newspaper columns for the Charleston Times-Courier, Mattoon Journal-Gazette and Terre Haute Tribune-Star.